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RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY PROVIDERS INFORMATIONAL RELEASE NO. 306

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Participating RCFs

ATTENTION: RCF Providers Who Bill Electronically

ISSUED BY: Division of Medical Services, Iowa Department of Human Services

SUBJECT: HIPAA Status for Iowa Medicaid RCFs

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a healthcare reform law passed by Congress in 1996. One part of HIPAA (Administrative Simplification) requires third party payers (including Iowa Medicaid) to accept national standard formats for electronic claims for medical care. It also requires providers who bill their claims for medical care electronically to submit only in the national standard format. This national standard format is called X12. This requirement becomes effective October 16, 2003.

Iowa Medicaid has determined that the room and board, and services included in the State Supplementary Assistance per diem date for Residential Care Facilities (RCFs) are not medical care as defined by HIPAA and therefore these regulations do not apply to RCFs in Iowa.

For those RCFs that currently bill electronically you may continue to submit your claims using ASAP.

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Relations locally at: 515-327-5120 or toll-free 1-800-338-7909.